

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 763 Session of
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APRIL 22, 2010

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL
22, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2010 as "Older Americans Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, A growing number of citizens 55 years of age and
4 older make their home in this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, Older adults throughout this Commonwealth and this
6 nation are an increasing population with evolving needs; and

7 WHEREAS, Older Americans are valuable members of our society
8 who enhance our communities and personal lives; and

9 WHEREAS, The increasing number of baby boomers reaching
10 traditional retirement age highlights the need for increased
11 support of older adults; and

12 WHEREAS, Older citizens of today and tomorrow promise to be
13 among the most active and involved older adult populations in
14 this nation's history; and

15 WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of this Commonwealth and

1 all states and communities to work collaboratively to address
2 older adults' unique health and long-term care challenges; and

3 WHEREAS, It is crucial that systems of care are improved to
4 help empower older Americans and give them more control over
5 their own lives; and

6 WHEREAS, Older citizens' overall quality of life can be
7 improved by helping them:

8 (1) make behavioral changes in their lifestyles that can
9 reduce the risk of disease, disability and injury;

10 (2) obtain the tools they need to make informed
11 decisions about, and gain better access to, existing health
12 and long-term care options in their communities; and

13 (3) have more options to avoid placement in nursing
14 homes and remain at home as long as possible;

15 therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May
17 2010 as "Older Americans Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That all citizens of this Commonwealth are
20 encouraged to take time this May to honor older adults and the
21 professionals, family members and citizens who care for them.